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## MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

### Office of Services to the Aging

- The Senate confirmed the appointment of Sharon Gire as Director of the Office of Services to the Aging [RC 299: 36 yes, 0 no].

### Financial and Insurance Services Commissioner

- The Senate confirmed the appointment of Linda Watters as Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services [RC 300: 37 yes, 0 no].

### Chair of the Tax Commission

- The Senate confirmed the appointment of Bob Naftaly as Chairperson of the Tax Commission [RC 301: 37 yes, 0 no].

## THIRD READING

### HB 4300 (Wenke)

This bill could help local units of government in their economic development strategies, stimulate private investment and create jobs. Kalamazoo County has wanted to become a partner in local economic development projects, but did not have the statutory authority to use county funds to do so. This would allow a county to use its permissible General Fund dollars toward grants or loans to local units of government for economic development purposes. County revenues that do not come from ad valorem taxes include revenue sharing and county fees.

Support: Michigan Association of Counties, Kalamazoo County.

- Basham 1 (1 amend) was withdrawn.
- HB 4300 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.